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—This suite is our own special make. No other house in town has the same. The frames are elegant and chaste, the material with which it is covered, plush and trimmings, are deliciously blended, and the "tout ensemble" is the essence of refinement and good taste. It is difficult, and it would be idle to describe this charming little bipos suite, and it would be idle to describe this charming little bipos suite, and it would be idle to describe this charming little bipos suite.

more description to enable you to give a
like. All that we can do is to acquaint the public of the fol-
lowing facts, and to solicit the favour of a special visit of inspec-
tion. The suite is manufactured in our own workshops in Kent-
street, under personal supervision. The frames, stuffing,
material, and labour employed is of the best description, and the
price of this suite is \$26 15s.

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DRAWING-ROOM CABINETS.—Our variety is
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 much food for reflection in the beauty of the wood, in the

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TABLES, half-a-crown. 2s 6d.
Afternoon Tea Tables, in all shapes and woods.
Gossie Chairs, an endless variety, made up for immediate despatch.

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A VERY large Assortment of **OFFICE FURNITURE**
in cedar, oak, mahogany, and walnut; Revolving Chairs,
Pedestals, and Registered Writing Tables. Cylinder safe; Book

cases and Writing-tables combined, very useful and handsome.
Boardroom tables made to special sizes in a few days.

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Public Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

EXCECUTIONARY LIENVENTION.

IN THE WILL OF SARAH ANNOTTS, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the will of the said SARAH ANNOTTS, bearing date the publication hereof in the New South Wales Gazette, and the application will be made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales at the Exchequer Chamber, at Sydney, on the 18th day of the month of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, for the execution of the will of SARAH ANNOTTS, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased, who died on the 8th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and for the appointment of an executor and executrix, that the said SARAH ANNOTTS, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased, was seized of the premises situate at Pitt-street, Sydney, the executor and executrix in the said will may be required to attend on the day of the said application.

Dated at Sydney this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

JOSSEPH THOMPSON,
Proctor for the Executors,
Vickers, Jackson, & Pitt Rivers, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

In the Intestate Estate of **JOSEPH MARSHALL**, late of Narragansett
 and Susan Bass, Selector, deceased.
 CREDITORS are to forward to me, the undersigned, their
 claims for proof, by my Office, B. Phillips-Street, Post Office, if
 they think fit, on any day, on or before the thirty day
 of September next, at which time, I will be excluded from all benefit
 from this Estate.
 Creditors may, however, if they prefer it, forward to the same
 their claims to my Agent, H. J. BOLDING, Esq., of the same
 Narragansett, as to be received from him by me, for proof, at the time
 above-specified.
 THOS. POWELL,
 Curator of Intestate Estates.
 7th September, 1866.
 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH
 WALES.
 ECCECLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.
 In the Intestate Estate of **ELLEN GAFFNEY**, late of Gladstone,
 and her late husband, John Gauffney, deceased.
 CREDITORS are to forward to me, the undersigned, (through the Post Office)

they think fit), at my office, 61, Phillips-street, Sydney, their Twenty-third day of September, and they will be excluded from all benefit from this estate.

If, however, they prefer it, forward in the same way their claims to my agent, G. M. Pope, Esq. of Byde, so as to be received from him by mail, for the same claims aforesaid.

CHAS. POWELL,
Curator of Insolvent Estates.

8th September, 1856.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

EXCELUPTARY JURISDICTION.

In the Intestate Estate of JOHN STUBBS, late of Limestone Flat, New-South-Wales, deceased.

CREDITORS are to be paid in full, on the Post-office if they think fit, at my office, 61, Phillips-street, Sydney, their claims to be proved and admitted by affidavit, on or before the eighth day of September next, or they will be excluded from all benefit from this estate.

Creditors may, however, if they prefer it, forward in the same way their claims to my acting Agent, T. HULLINGTON, Esq., of Newcastle, for the same claims aforesaid.

by the time above named.

THEO. POWELL,
Curator of Intestate Estates.

7th September, 1886.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.

In the Intestate Estate of JAMES HAZEL, late of Minski, Nthar, deceased.

CREDITORS are to forward to me (through the Post Office) their claims for, at my option by affidavit, on or before the Twenty-eighth day of September next, or they will be excluded from all benefit from this estate.

Creditors may, however, if they prefer it, forward in the same way their claims to my agent, Mr. J. H. HENRI, of Minski, so, as to be received from him by me, for proof, by the time above named.

THEO. POWELL,
Curator of Intestate Estates.

7th September, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that by an Indenture of Ass-

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Witness to the signature of Joseph D. Williams—**(Signed)** PATRICK KELLY.
 M'Hare—**(Signed)**, J. J. CUBRAN, J.P.
 Witness to the signature of Francis Adams—**(Signed)** W. W. RICHARDSON, J.P.
 Witness to the signature of Patrick Kelly—**(Signed)** J. A. DUFFY.
 Witnesses to the signature of George Shannon Arthur—**(Signed)** E. L. TAYLOR-MOON.
RELIEF FUND.
 A magnificent NIGGET of 50 ounces (presented by H. Newman, Esq. of Lucknow) will be disposed of on All Irish principles for the benefit of the above Fund.
 The following are the names of the Members of the Committee, at the Town Hall, or at Messrs. Paling's Restaurant and Made Waffles, 255, George-street, where the Nigget is on View.
J. T. KENNEDY, Hon. Sec.
OFFICE TO THE COMMITTEE.
 The Sydney Refrigerating Company's Cooling Chamber.

CIVIL SERVICE BUILDING SOCIETY.
THIS DAY (Thursday) being PAY-DAY, the office of this Society will be OPEN FOR THE RECEIPT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, and the transaction of all ordinary business, FROM 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the 10th INSTANT, at the office of the Secretary, 10, Market Street, next to the Exchange, at the door only.

D. R. SIKEN Tinsmith offers to repair all gutters from 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., having best remedies for all sorts of sores and discharges which afflict human kind, having been ascertained by his own experience.

M. MARSHALL, 2, Lyon's terrace, will attend to the late Dr. ROGEE's patients.

NOTICE.—If Mr. JAGGAS does not claim his Debt within seven days from this date, it will be deemed lost expenses.
JAS. A. FERGUSON. Belmullet.

NOTICE.—M. G. HILDER being no longer in the

In employ, all accounts due to me to be paid to Mr. JOHN C. ALTHA and Mr. J. B. SHERIDAN only.
 September 9, 1866. J. MCAR.

IF THE TOOLS, &c., left by Ramsey and Co. at 625, Georgetown, are not removed within 7 days, and exposed to sale, they will be sold to destroy expenses.

IF MRS. HAWKINS does not call for her bonds within 3 days, they will be sold to pay expenses. A. Ireland, Court-street, Charleston.

P U B L I C N O T I C E.

Mr. A. COLE, of 401, Pitt-street, will be absent from business until 20th of September.

F A I R F I E L D G O L D - D I G G I N G S.

N O T I C E.

TO MERCHANTS, SHIPPERS, AND OTHERS.

GOODS for the above Goldfield will be forwarded with all despatch by

JAMES F. TAYLOR,
Forwarding and Commission
Cann. Richmond River.

A. DEBNEY AND CO.

HOBSON and WHITING
GENTLEMEN, AUCTIONEERS, &c.
13, Hunter-street,
Sydney.

PAINLESS Extraction, by means of Nitrous Oxide Gas,
daily at 11 a.m. Geo. C. Roper, 247, Elizabeth-st. Hyde Park.

CURBEY DAVIS, Dentist, Royal Arcade, Adelaide.—Complete
dentulacutic, 45s; gold, 61s 1/2; plate, 35s.

ARTIFICIAL Teeth, by J. Marshall, Gold, full set, 41s
Marshall Brothers, dentists, 133, Elizabeth-st. Sydney.

TRANSACT YOUR BUSINESS through the City
Property Insurance Office, 100, Market-st. Adelaide.

WATCHMAKERS, ARTISANS, and WORKMEN—25
Market-st. Adelaide, on a month's without interest, will secure a
splendid block, 10s to 25s, on LORRISTON ESTATE, Botany Bay.

NATURAL Water, 10s.

L LIAISON RAILWAY.—Hathcote Crown
SALL, suburban and uncond. 11.10 am. SATURDAY,
10th September. Coach 7.11.15 am and 1.30 pm. Fare
5s return.
LITTLEFIELDS. LITTLEFIELDS, Coach Today
and Tomorrow. 7.16 Campbell, Mitchell & Co., 411, Gt-
Oxford-street.
EGGS COOKING.—Bainbridge's "Carriington" egg pure
cooking today, 11 o'cl. Eureka now have 500 doz.
PRESS PAPER—The Press Company Apply Mr.
Judson, Herald Office.
WASTY MORNING HEADLAD
STONEY MAIL.

ADVERTISEMENTS RECEIVED AT
GEORGE-STREET, THE POST OFFICE-GORDON AND
GUTHRIE
GEORGE-STREET, opposite Royal Hotel.—W. B. Lee
WILLIAM-STREET—George Wallace
SUNSET-STREET—M. F. Barker
CALDER STREET—James M. Craig
OXFORD-STREET—John E. Norgess

CENTRAL AVENUE, 20—John Crofts
WATERLOO STREET, 20—John Crofts
WOODLAIR, QUEN-STREET, 1—Y. Barnett
PAINWORTH—See
BALMAIN—J. Cadogan
BALMAIN EAST—O. E. Walker, opposite Post-office, Dudgeon street
NEWTON—C. G. West
WATERLOO—See
KILKENNY, BOTANY ROAD—Mrs. Mitchell
WATERLOO—See
GEORGE STREET, 146—See Commercial Bank, 3, Dublin
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GLASGOW ROAD and RAILWAY BRIDGE, PARANETTE
STREET, opposite Wesleyan Chapel—J. J. Coogan
WATERLOO—See
LILYBETH STREET SOUTH, STRAWBERRY HILLS—W. Johnson
WILKINSON STREET, 144—H. W. Foster
PILLY STREET, 249—J. L. Bergholm
LONG TERMS, KILKENNY, FERRY, Hurville, and SATURDAY
WATKIN and WATKIN nil.

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POLICE

of cost, and that each side should pay its own costs.
Wilmington Court.—(Before his Honor Mr. Justice
 FAUCETT and a jury of four.)
 HYERONIMUS V. WILSON.
 W. Edmund Barton, instructed by Messrs. Curtiss

sengers in the carriage, said, "Here's your ticket; keep you from coming back to my house again." On another occasion, in November, she went to visit her parents, but she had not seen for six weeks. She returned home at 7.30, just as a heavy thunderstorm came on and the

the meeting terminated.
Re Samuel Amos Kneuber. One claim was on
the meeting was adjourned to the 16th instant.
SINGLE MEETING.
Re Leonard Holmes. a single meeting. Ins

Francis Charles Allworth, railway pay-
roll clerk, said that the time and pay sheets had passed through
his hands, but he could not say whether the amounts had
been paid to Pollock or to the prisoner; the amounts had

deposed
his hand;
n paid to
bid by

don't ask permission does. After at pur-
WATKIN and
a large audience at St. John's School
Tuesday evening. The Rev. Canon C
introduced the lecturer. The address
that delivered by Dr. Barry in Syd
the same subject. Votes of thanks to
chairman brought the proceedings to

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...her presided, and
...was very similar
...some time ago on
...to lecturer and the
...mination.

Special Advertisements

There were some remarkable expressions of opinion yesterday as to the relation of the new land law to sales by auction. It was said that under the new law auction sales

should be abandoned in the country districts. That is a strange doctrine in face of the fact that Parliament, in passing the law, and having the power at the time to prohibit sales by the auctioneers did so, but it made special provision for continuing them. The law expressly provides that the only towns and suburban lands may be sold in this manner, but country lands also. The only restrictions are as to the price, the holding of the sales within the district wherein the lands are situated, and the limitation of the aggregate in any year to 200,000 acres. But, then, it is said that the only country lands sold by auction should be forfeited improve- ments. How are we to get to that conclusion? No such question is provided by the law. If Parliament has chosen to limit the sale, the MINISTER'S discretion, it should have been so expressed. It has not said so; and what this member says that may say in the expression of his own opinion does not determine the law or

bind the action of the MINISTER. It is said that the MINISTER should delay these sales until Parliament has expressed its views on this matter. But Parliament has already expressed its views in the law to which the MINISTER is giving effect; and the only ground of expressing a different opinion is by wasteful delay. But when a new law will be passed is a matter of extreme uncertainty. If there had been any prospect of new legislation within a reasonable time, it might have been well to postpone the revocation of the reserves; but as there is little prospect of anything of the kind, the MINISTER, having revoked the reserves, is only acting as an honest steward for the public in taking steps to prevent the alienation of these specially valuable lands at prices that would in no sense represent their real value.

Some of these reserved lands are described as *worth upwards of £3 per acre*. *After*

reserving them for years, and allowing them to acquire a special value, it would be as wasteful folly to suffer them to be elected, like the ordinary Crown lands open to selection, at £1 per acre, of which only 2s would be paid down, and the balance would stand over for gradual liquidation through long recurrence of years. A simple revocation of the reserves would have that effect. To proclaim special areas is to adopt a special method of disposing of estates, and whether the land is then sold by auction or by conditions purchase, there is some means of procuring a price fairly representing the special value they have acquired. Unfortunately, the special conditions under which conditional purchases may be made within special areas may in certain situations defeat their own purpose. In some situations no selector would make up a portion of 100 acres, even if he could get it on the ordinary terms; much less

would be as willing to pay a higher price than to sell it, if, therefore, the Government were to sell the land on the basis that will bring the fair value to the State, he may be obliged to fall back upon his power to sell by auction to people willing to pay such terms.

No Minister for Lands can hope to please everybody. A few weeks ago, when the financial scheme was under debate, Opposition members asked the Government why they did not sell the public lands, and so summarily dispose of the deficiency without increased taxation. To them the problem lay in a nutshell. Now, what the Minister is following is the best advice within the limits of which the law allows him. The cry is raised from the same side of the House that it is contrary to the law to sell land for the purpose of raising revenue. Instead of that, the provisions relating to special areas are themselves evidence that, within

ertainly specified limits, the Minister is expressly authorised to make the raising of revenue a main consideration in the sale of public land. The same may be said of the retention of sale by auction. It is true that the introduction of policy in that respect is introduced with the new law. Under the old law the Government could sell as much land by auction as people could be induced to buy. Under the new law the aggregate area so sold in any single year must not exceed 200,000 acres. But the change is not one of principle, but one of degree. The new law, like the old law (but only within defined limits) empowers the Minister to seek revenue through the sale of public land, and it goes somewhat further than the old law in that it gives him means for obtaining through his sale a special price where the land is of special value. The provisions relating to conditional purchase within special areas

may be susceptible of amendment, and it is understood that amendments will be proposed in the coming Land Bill. But, with £200,000 without amendment in that respect, it will be idle to deny that within the limits of 200,000 acres in any year, the Government may fairly sell land by auction to raise revenue.

The New Hebrides question is becoming somewhat complicated. France is in possession of the islands, and although she has been informed that England does not consent to the appropriation, but stands by the treaty of 1874, which binds both countries to regard the New Hebrides territory as neutral ground, she does not withdraw her troops. Then we have the statement of M. de Fauriol, that as the proposal of France to enter into the possession of the New Hebrides is in contradiction that she keeps her conviction out of the Pacific has been rejected, the transportation of convicts to the islands. According to

of recidivists must go to the convicts
some of the telegrams from the
are to be sent to New Caledonia only, while
other messages speak of the French posses-
sions generally, and it has even been stated
that recidivists are to be landed at Havanna
Harbour in the New Hebrides, where substan-
tial buildings for their accommodation are in
course of construction. This last piece of in-
telligence is not official, and although it has been
reported with sufficient circumstantiality to
cause the Queensland Government to bring
the matter under the notice of the Colonial

Office, its accuracy may be doubted. The sending of convicts to Havanah Harbour would be an act of defiance on the part of the French, which the British Government, after Lord Rosebery's ultimatum, might accept as a declaration of war. In a letter to Mr. Waddington, on the 7th July, Lord Rosebery informed the French Ambassador that "Her Majesty's Government, after long and careful consideration of all the issues involved in this important question, virtually affecting as it does her Majesty's dominions in the Pacific, are unable to consent to any departure from the present understanding between Great Britain and France, by which the two countries are bound to respect the independence of the New Hebrides." This is plain speaking, and it must be assumed that the British Minister meant what he said. We had yesterday an announcement from the present Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Government have every hope that a speedy settlement will be arrived at on a basis favourable to the colonies, and it is impossible that Mr. Stanmore could have said this if the probability of France establishing a convict settlement in the New Hebrides had entered his mind.

We have a right to suppose, although we have no guarantee of any kind, that the Imperial Government will protect the New Hebrides both from recidivists and from French cupidities. Justice to the Australian colonies requires that the first of these duties should be discharged, and friendly relations with France cannot be maintained unless the treaty obligations set forth in Lord Rosebery's letter are respected. But we do not really know how matters stand; we can only guess what may be the nature of the settlement contemplated by Mr. Stanmore. What he may regard as satisfactory may be considered highly unsatisfactory in Australia. We have had so many assurances of the same sort from British Ministers that we may be excused for doubting their value until we have proved them. But, supposing it to be settled for good and all that France is not to have the New Hebrides, and that the New Hebrides are not to be the receptacle for recidivists, our anxieties will not cease. France has many thousands of criminals to dispose of, and if she cannot send them to the New Hebrides, she may deport them in greater numbers than ever to New Caledonia and to her other possessions in the West Pacific. If she is obliged to give up the New Hebrides, she will do so in no happy frame of mind; if she gives way in one direction, she may insist upon her rights in another, and we should be foolishly confiding if we imagined that our troubles in connection with French criminals were at an end.

In his correspondence with the British Ambassador at Paris, Mr. de Freycinet is reported to have betrayed annoyance, and this does not promise very tender consideration for Australian interests or Australian feelings on the part of the French Government. We must be prepared for whatever may happen, and if nothing worse should take place, there is the strong probability that the influx of convicts into New Caledonia will increase rather than diminish. We should, therefore, be on the alert, and if the power of the Imperial Government is not sufficient to protect us from the evils with which we are threatened, we must protect ourselves.

We are glad to know that the Government of this colony has given its attention to the matter. From the brief reply made by Dr. Mackellar to Dr. Cheadle in the Legislative Council yesterday, we learn that the AGENT-GENERAL has been instructed to ascertain the truth of the reports that have been published as to the intentions of the French Government, and to renew the protests of this colony against the deportation of French criminals to the Pacific. It was also stated that the Government had under consideration the propriety of communicating with the Governments of the other colonies as to the institution of a passport system for the protection of the Australian people from the overflow of the French convict population in New Caledonia and elsewhere. Action of this sort may become necessary, and of course if anything effectual is to be done all the colonies must work together, for if only one were to stand aloof, the efforts of all the others might prove of no avail. In such a matter there should be no difficulty in obtaining unanimity. The welfare of all is vitally concerned, and if one suffers all will suffer. A movement has already been made elsewhere, but not, as it seems to us, in exactly the right direction. The Victorian PREMIER has communicated with Sir S. W. GRANT, Premier of Queensland, who is chairman of the standing committee of the Federal Council, with the view of securing joint action on the part of the Australian colonies. It is a pity that this particular step should have been taken, for it may lead to difficulties and embarrassments of an awkward kind. The question is one for all Australia to consider, and as the Federal Council does not represent the whole of the colonies, the chairman of its committee has no status that would entitle him to speak for Australia generally. It would have been much better if Mr. GILLIES had communicated with each Government in the ordinary way, without raising the question as to the position of the Federal Council or the functions of its chairman for the time being. If there is to be united action on the part of the colonies—and it is of the utmost importance that they should work together in this matter—the so-called Federal Council must be kept in the background.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The most cheering news in our columns this morning announces a further advance in the price of wool. Some of the sorts have advanced 10 per cent, and others to 15 per cent.

The Legislative Council dealt with a number of matters yesterday. Resolutions moved by Mr. Mackellar, and relating to the Sydney and San Francisco and the Orient mail services, were affirmed. A message was received from the Governor to the effect that the Divorce Procedure Amendment Bill had been forwarded to the Legislative Assembly, and the motion was immediately followed by an amendment proposed by Mr. Lloyd for the recommittal of the bill in order to reconsider clauses 9 and 7 and the last three lines of schedule A; these clauses being, the member for Newcastle explained, the ad valorem and penalty clauses, and the last three lines of the schedule were purporting. A long debate ensued, most of the speakers being members of the Opposition, and eventually the amendment

was rejected, and the motion for the third reading passed, on a division of 14 votes to 14. A discussion then ensued on the motion "that the bill be now passed," which was carried by 82 votes to 7. The third reading of the Land Tax Bill was carried by 84 to 6.

Even of yesterday's sitting in the Legislative Assembly was occupied by a discussion on a motion for adjournment moved for the purpose of again calling attention to the selling of land in special areas by public auction. The only noteworthy point of the discussion, however, was a statement by the Minister for Lands, that having looked into the matter, he was perfectly satisfied that as Minister he had the power to sell land of this description by public auction, and that the Attorney-General, whom he had consulted on the subject, confirmed this view. The House did not reach the real business of the night until nearly 10 o'clock, when the third reading of the Customs Duties Bill was moved. Previous to the motion for adjournment, the assent of the Governor was announced to the Divorce Procedure Amendment Bill; the Nominations Bill; the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill; the Places of Detention Bill; and the Laverell Church of England Land Sale Bill, with amendments; the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill; and the Laverell Church of England Land Sale Bill, with amendments. The Municipalities Act Amendment Bill was read the first time.

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His Excellency Lord Carrington has accepted an invitation to be present at the official opening of the Great Northern Railway from Glen Innes to Tenison, on October 5. The Hon. W. J. Lyne (Minister for Works), Sir Patrick Jennings, and the Hon. James Fletcher are likely to attend.

A messenger from Bombala, introduced by Messrs. Dawson and H. Stephen, M.L.A., waited upon Sir Patrick Jennings last evening for the purpose of inviting the Ministry to accept their Monaro trip as far as Bombala, and accept a banquet in that town. Sir Patrick promised that if he was able to visit Cooma he would be glad to go to the district, and in any event his colleague, Mr. Dibbs (who was present), would be glad to avail himself of the invitation. It is understood that Messrs. Lyne and Fletcher and a large number of M.L.A. will also be of the party.

A. and D. Companies of the 1st Infantry Regiment will parade in drill order at 7.45 p.m. this day at the Victoria Barracks.

No time is being lost by the contractor for the erection of the abattoir, and the contractor, Messrs. Bourke and Bourke, is making the preparations necessary for commencing the work of erecting the fence. Six miles of fencing were sent to Bourke yesterday, and the contractor is forming camps at various spots along the route, in readiness to carry out the work expeditiously as soon as the weather settles and food waters have subsided.

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A message was given yesterday evening at the German Club to the captain and officers of the German mail steamer Salier. The Hon. W. B. Dalley, P.C., was among the speakers. A report of the proceedings will be found in another column.

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At the Central Criminal Court yesterday a railway employee named Arthur Francis Cope, formerly head clerk and time-keeper at the Penrith Station, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour in Goulburn Gaol for obtaining several sums of money by false pretence. The evidence adduced by the Crown prosecutor showed that the prisoner had been authorized by one of the carriage and wagon examiners at Penrith, named David Pollock, to receive his salary when he was absent. The prisoner then altered the figures in the time and pay sheets, increasing the amount of wages, paid Pollock the correct amounts, and retained the difference. By these alterations in the sheets he increased three payments—£7 18s. 4d. to £9 8s. 8d., £9 8s. 8d. to £10 9s., and £7 18s. 4d. to £9 8s. 8d.—his pecuniary thereby amounting to about £23 10s. The fraud was discovered by a clerk being sent up to relieve Cope, and the new-comer observed that the figures in the sheets and the time-book did not tally. It was stipulated that the prisoner should be detained in the gaol until he had reached about £70. This morning the charge of manslaughter preferred against Captain Webster in connection with the wreck of the Ly-see-Moon will be proceeded with.

Through the overcrowding in Darlinghurst Gaol has to a considerable extent been relieved, preparations for the accommodation of the girls now in the Biloela Industrial school continue to be made at the buildings at Parramatta lately used as a Roman Catholic orphanage, with a view to using the Biloela institution as a place of detention for convicted vagrants and other short-sentenced prisoners, and it is expected that the buildings at Biloela will be available for the purpose in a few days. It is probable that the subject of erecting a new gaol at the neighbourhood of Sydney, a new prison for long-sentenced prisoners will be considered during the Parliamentary recess. Darlinghurst gaol, though a very large prison, has not grown with the increase of population and the corresponding increase of criminals; the number of long-sentenced prisoners confined there is so great that the isolation likely to conduce to the reformation of criminals cannot be carried out. It is necessary, for

instance, to put three prisoners in a cell, whereas it would be much more beneficial if there were a sufficient number of cells to accommodate the prisoners singly. In this state of things it is thought the time has arrived when attention should be given to the question of erecting a second metropolitan gaol on land somewhere near Sydney. The Minister for Justice (Hon. J. P. Garvan) expects to receive from England shortly the latest reports and plans obtainable relating to prison buildings and the treatment of criminals.

The nominations for the office of alderman of the South-west Ward of Balmain took place at the local Town Hall at noon on Tuesday. There were four candidates proposed to fill the vacancy which was caused by the recent death of Alderman Keniff. The nominees were Messrs. P. J. Smith, George Miller, Andrew McGuire, and William Ferrier. A poll will be taken in the ward on Saturday next.

The municipality of Prospect and Sherwood having become entitled to be represented by nine instead of six aldermen, as heretofore, a meeting was held at the Council-chambers yesterday to nominate and elect three additional representatives. The Mayor (Mr. John South) presided, but the attendance was very small. Messrs. H. F. Carter, Henry Elliott, and Edward Ellison were nominated, and as there was no opposition, he declared them duly elected. Mr. Elliott, the only candidate present, returned thanks, and a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

The Mayor of Sydney desires us to state that from the present time until the end of next month his garden may be visited by the public. His collection of plants includes a great variety of cinerarias, primulas, cyclamens, and exotics, all of which are in a condition likely to challenge the admiration of lovers of flowers. The garden may be reached by taking the steamer from Lime-street Wharf for Annandale.

This annual show of wild flowers at Manly was opened yesterday, and will be continued to-day, to-morrow (Friday), and Saturday. It was very largely attended, and generally was considered more attractive than any of its predecessors. A full description of it is published in another column.

The 118th quarterly meeting of the Sydney Municipal Council will be held at the Town Hall to-day. The business paper contains a number of resolutions, of which the most important are those introduced by Alderman Palmer. He moved,—"That the specifications for the fruit markets in Sussex-street be adopted, and that tenders be invited for the work." Alderman Withers will move,—"That £1700 be voted for land required for extending Kippax-street." Alderman Kippax will move,—"That a proposal be made for the entrance to the Association Cricket Ground and the Agricultural Society's Ground, at a cost of £800, and that the association and society respectively be applied to for leave portion of the footpaths paved." Alderman Bears—"That the draft bill to empower the council to pave the footpaths of the city, and every street and road, and to make and alter the same, be adopted and forwarded to the Legislative Assembly." There are also several motions for expending large sums for kerbing and guttering in different parts of the city.

A meeting of the central committee of the Land and Industrial Alliance was held at the rooms of the alliance on Tuesday, Mr. L. F. Heydon, M.L.A., presiding, in the chair. Present were Messrs. W. H. Howe, secretary of the country branches with reference to the conference which had been called for the 14th inst., and it was found that there was a generally expressed opinion that the conference had been called on too early a date. It was urged by Mr. O'Sullivan, M.L.A., and supported by Messrs. Wall, Burke, and H. Dawson, M.L.A., that the conference should be postponed to a more opportune time. The motion was carried, and when the details of the necessary reforms in land legislation could be discussed in view of the introduction by the Government of their Amending Land Act. A long discussion ensued, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the secretary of the alliance, and a resolution that the conference be postponed to a more opportune time.

A meeting of the Lithgow Relief Committee was held yesterday. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. F. Burns, M.L.A. The secretary stated that since the previous meeting the sum of £37 4s. 6d. had been received, and that the balance now to the credit of the fund was £278 14s. 6d. The chairman, Mr. Burns, then reported that he had received from the Greta committee, with a request that half of the amount be paid to the Ly-see-Moon Relief Committee. The cheque was received with thanks, and it was ordered that it be divided with the Ly-see-Moon Committee. The deputation which had been appointed at a previous meeting to inquire into the death of Hugh McKernan, who expired under peculiar circumstances at his residence, Prince of Wales-road, on Sunday day, at the adjourned inquest held yesterday, two witnesses stated that they saw Beans strike the deceased on the head, after which he fell to the ground and became insensible. For the defence, it was asserted that Beans did not strike the man at all. The accused was committed to take the next sittings of the Central Criminal Court, bail being allowed, himself in £200, and two sureties of £100. An account of the inquiry will be found in another column.

The following is the order of musical service at St. Andrew's Cathedral this afternoon—Magnificat, "Stainer" in E-flat; Nuncius, "Stainer" in E-flat; Anthem, "Stainer's" "Ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers."

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A meeting of the Committee for Fairs and Entertainments for Distinctive Abolition was held last evening at Chong-Tee and Co.'s Tea Rooms, Mr. Hugh Taylor, M.L.A., in the chair. Present, Messrs. Guy, Mrs. Milson, Miss M. Gribben, Miss Hosking, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Bolton, and Messrs. A. L. Nelson, J.P.; R. Guy, J.P.; A. C. Hewlett, T. W. Potts, W. E. Harrison. Correspondence was read from Messrs. R. H. McCulloch, M.L.A.; H. Taylor, M.L.A.; the Minister for Public Instruction, and the Commissioner for Railways. It was resolved that Messrs. Tait, Nelson, and Guy wait on the Commissioner for Railways about a train for the feast at the Windsor Asylum. Miss M. Gribben handed in £1 1s. 6d., and Mrs. Townsend £2 5s. 6d., both additions.

Through the kindness of Mrs. C. E. Moulton, of Ryde, some of the inmates of the Gladesville Hospital were favoured with a concert on Tuesday evening last. Mrs. Moulton sang some very nice solos, and Miss King, Miss Harrison played some entertaining pieces on the pianoforte, whilst Mr. Sullivan, Mr. McGrou, Mr. Steane, and Mr. Wilkinson contributed largely to the enjoyment of the audience by rendering songs of a very interesting and amusing class. A comic reading, by Madame King, proved very attractive, and the singing of three comic songs by Miss Wilkinson elicited considerable merriment. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

A meeting of ladies favourable to holding a flower fair at Waverley, with the object of establishing a fund for the improvement of Waverley Park was held in the local council-chambers yesterday afternoon. Mr. W. Martin, J.P. (Mayor of Waverley), occupied the chair. Mr. R. T. Orr, one of the honorary secretaries, reported that at a meeting of the Waverley Municipal Council, held on Tuesday evening last, an application made by the committee for permission to fence in temporarily 2½ acres of land, situated in the north-west portion of Waverley Park, had been favourably received and dealt with. Upon this ground it was proposed to erect a tent 100 feet by 50 feet for the purpose of exhibiting and selling the flowers.

A tent 50 feet by 30 feet would be suitably fitted for supplying refreshments to visitors, and tents for the accommodation of a band and the ticket collectors respectively would be erected. The flower fair would not be exclusively devoted to the exhibition and sale of wild flowers. Plants and cut flowers would also be brought together. The condition of the park being anything but creditable, it was necessary that decisive steps should be taken towards having it improved. The chairman stated to the meeting that it is contemplated to form a lawn in that part of the park now utilized by Chinese gardeners; and that the formation of a new lawn in the north-west portion of the park would be undertaken. The lawn would probably be laid out. He had asked several gentlemen to co-operate with him in the movement, and they had readily consented. These gentlemen now formed the committee. Several florists carrying on business in Sydney had consented to lay out flower-beds in the vicinity of the tent, and could readily obtain employment in that district, but only experienced farm servants should receive railway passes.

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

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An anonymous circular has been widely distributed in the Punjab district urging the expulsion of the English from India. There is reason to suspect that the Maharajah Duleep Singh, who has recently returned to India from England, is the author of the manifesto in question.

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AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.] (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.) VICTORIA. MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day, Mr. Gillies, in replying to Mr. Reid, said that the Agent-General could not be acting officially regarding the selection of a Bishop of Melbourne, but he knew nothing of the circumstances which led to the announcement that Sir Graham Berry and the Rev. G. A. Austin were in consultation on the subject. In replying to Mr. Wood's question concerning the punishment of the train wreckers on the Geelong line, the Attorney-General said that as the train was a person causing death by throwing a train from the rails was guilty of murder, but if no fatality resulted he would be liable to imprisonment for 15 years. In England, in the latter case, the prisoner could be sentenced to penal servitude for life. The great objections to making train wrecking, which did not result in a fatality, a capital offence were that juries would be unwilling to convict, and the Executive unwilling to ratify the sentence if the accused was convicted. It would be a question for consideration whether the law in this colony should be assimilated to that of England. Mr. Zox urged that a bill should be introduced this session to provide that train-wreckers should be improved for life if no fatality resulted. Mr. Gillies considered in committee. The Attorney-General said that the Bill was further considered in committee, and about a dozen more clauses were passed. Dr. Quirk moved the second reading of the Label Law Amendment Bill, which was intended to protect newspapers from action where they gave reports of public meetings in good faith. Mr. Wilson supported the bill, but could not see how it would protect newspapers, because they were already protected if what they reported was true; and if it was proved to be false, it could not be in the interests of the public. The bill was read a second time and committed. The House then adjourned.

QUEENSLAND. BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY. In the Legislative Council to-day the Members Expenses Bill, and Mineral Oils Bill were read a third time and passed. The Immigration Act Amendment Bill was passed through committee. The Customs Duties and Succession Duties Bills were read a further time without discussion. The Health Act Amendment Bill was read a second time after some debate, in which several members strongly objected to the withdrawal of the subsidy on the health rate, which is the principal object of the bill. The bill to amend the laws relating to the incorporation and winding up gold-mining companies was passed through committee, and was amended so as to make it apply to all mining companies, excepting coal. The Opium Bill was passed through committee with amendment, making the bill apply to Polynesians as well as aborigines.

TASMANIA. HOBART, WEDNESDAY. In the Legislative Assembly to-day, the Attorney-General moved a resolution in favour of taxing the capital value of land instead of the annual value, so as to get a fairer assessment. The debate was a joignant till to-morrow.

ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY LINE NEAR BRISBANE. [BY TELEGRAPH.] (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.) BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

An extraordinary accident happened on the railway line near Brisbane this afternoon at the locality where a high bridge has just been erected with a heavy embankment on each side in connection with the duplication of the Brisbane and Ipswich line. The embankment gave way with a tremendous crash, and the spot presents the appearance of an earthquake having taken place. The roadway has been raised to a height of five feet for some distance, and a Chinese garden in the vicinity has been raised two feet. Two water-mains were broken, and the neighbourhood was submerged. A train had just passed a few minutes before the accident, and a train had just arrived on the spot, but was uninjured.

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(To-Morrow Friday),
at half-past 11 a.m. prompt.

SURREY HILLS. House, No. 92, Albion-street, between
Riley and Macquarie streets, and Cottage,
No. 21, Little Albion-street, at rear,
Administrator's sale.

SURREY HILLS. House, No. 19, Pitt-street, between
Riley and Crown streets, Adjunct's

A.	SURRY HILLS.	House, No. 37, High Holborn-street,
	DARLINGHURST.	Bear Devonshire-street.
		Grounds, No. 98, Surrey-street, at present occupied by Messrs. Hickey and Cahill, bakers.
	ENMORE.	Two Houses, fronting Phillip-street, between Enmore-road and Railway Line.
W.	PETERSHAM.	Osborne House, those substantial and commodious corner premises Railway and High-street.

by	HUNTER'S HILL.	Fernbank, a superior residence and grounds of 3 acres 1 road 12 perches, water frontage, adjoining residences of Messrs. Smith and Stoppa, and lately occupied by J. N. Oxley, Esq.
and	CANTERBURY.	2 acres 1 road 9 perches high land, Cook's River, Frederick and Arthur streets, near the Racecourse. Administrator's estate.
e-	GUILDFORD.	Block of 25 acres 2 roads 24 perches Dog Trap-road, Campbell Hill Estate,

together with orchard, cottage, &c., thereon, known as Hodgson's; now occupied by Mr. Jos. Smith. Mortgagee's sale.

Neat Cottage Residences, occupied by Mr. Hayes, on Union's Point-road, (Clarke's Estate, just beyond Union's Point.

Corner Block of Land, Alfred and Margaret streets, same estate.

Corner Allotment, Weston and Moodie streets, between Darling-road and Jupp

Cove Bridge.
Allotment, 3, Red Lion Estate, Evans-
street, west of Weston-street.
4 Cottages, Charlotte and Elizabeth
streets, close to Evan's-street, west of
Weston-street.
Surbiton Cottage, Merion-street, near
Glass Works.
2 Cottages, in Wiler-street, off Victoria-
street, near Charing Cross.
Cottage, corner of Glips and Therry
streets, South-TOWN.

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(524) AUBURN. Equity of Redemption in Cottage,
Harrow-road, Longview Estate.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH,
SAINT MARY'S, SOUTH CREEK,
SUBDIVISION SALE.
WEBB'S TANNERY BLOCK and COTTAGES,
with
VARIOUS TOWN ALLOTMENTS, near the Railway Station and

the Public School; also,
EXTENSIVE BLOCK of LAND, fronting the main road, with
the improvements thereon, belonging to the estate late
J. R. Tindale, Esq.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction,
ON THE GROUND,
on
SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, at 3 o'clock,

The following valuable properties:—
SECTION 3, LOT 1A—WEBB'S TANNERY. The land comprises 30 acres, 30 rods to 30 rods to purchase, having a frontage to the Windsor-road, and extending back to the Public School property. On it are the following extensive improvements:—The tannery buildings, brick storeroom, detached stables, rolling machines, bark-crushers, 42 tanpits, &c., &c., the whole being in good working order.
The water supply is abundant in all seasons from a large tank and dam.
LOTS 1 to 9, having frontages of from 37 feet to 53 feet

to the Great Western-road, with depths ranging from 138 feet to 169 feet. On lots 6, 7, and 9 are three cottages.

SECTION 2, LOTS 1 to 5, each having frontages of 66 feet to the Windsor-road, with depths of 198 feet.

SECTION 1, LOTS 1 to 8, having frontages of from 33 feet to 66 feet to Windsor-road and Phillips-street, with depths ranging from 82½ feet to 165 feet.

Also,

on account of the Trustees of the Estate late J. R. TINDALE, Esq.,

THREE BLOCKS OF LAND, frontages of from 12

Plans on view at the Rooms, lithographic copies of which may be obtained at the Rooms.

Terms at sale. (551.)

COLLEGE-STREET, BALMAIN.

A CAPITAL POSITION IN AN ACTIVE DISTRICT.

LOT 100, in Section R of North Estate of Block 23, being

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FRIDAY, the 17th SEPTEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

The above, to be described hereafter:— (C. 5.)

CHARMING SITE HOMERUSH,
A CORNER BLOCK, of one acre and a half, on a good elevation,
situated in the parish of St. Andrew, near the town of

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The above really splendid site (improved) in this healthy,
convenient, and select railway suburb.
Torrance's Title. Terms at sale. (623).

ST. LEONARDS.

MILLER and PALMER STREETS, NORTH SHORE.

A GRAND BLOCK OF LAND,
in one or two Lots,
having
253 feet frontage to Miller-street,

132 feet frontage to Palmer-street,
132 feet frontage to Raleigh-street,
in a splendid position. Only a moderate walk from
the tram terminus.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
between BATHURST and LIVERPOOL STREETS,
RAMSDEN'S GREAT AUSTRALIAN COFFEE PALACE
and SHOP adjoining, Nos. —, —,
CASTLEREAGH-STREET, east side.

Preliminary Notice.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received in-
structions to sell, by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-
STREET, on **FRIDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER**, at 11 o'clock,

The above city property, Castlemagh-street.
Full particulars in a future issue.
TITLE—LEASEHOLD, about 40 years to run.
Ground rent, £250 per annum.
Term at sale.
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CHARLES OLIVER,
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CHARLES OLIVER,
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 7th September, 1886.

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